

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1840

By: Sykes, Gumm and Branam of
the Senate

3 and

4 Johnson of the House

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7 [natural gas service - creating task force -
8 noncodification

9 emergency]

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
13 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

14 A. There is hereby created a legislative task force for the
15 purpose of studying the availability of retail natural gas service
16 in Oklahoma. The task force shall explore options to overcome
17 obstacles currently impeding the expansion of retail natural gas
18 supply services to new homes and commercial building development
19 areas which are being forced to use less efficient energy sources
20 rather than cleaner, more economical and locally produced natural
21 gas. The task force shall solicit participation from all retail
22 natural gas providers in the affected area and determine what
23 remedies may be available to provide much needed natural gas service

1 to the many citizens and business operators in this area of the
2 state.

3 B. The task force shall be made up of three members of both the
4 House and Senate whose districts include any portion of the state
5 south of Interstate 40. Members shall be appointed by the President
6 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives, both of whom shall serve on the task force as ex-
8 officio members. In addition to those members, The President Pro
9 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives shall appoint one of their members who represents a
11 district in the affected area and also serves on the Senate Energy
12 and Environment Committee and the House Energy and Utility
13 Regulation Committee to serve as cochairs of the task force.

14 C. The members of the Corporation Commission shall choose one
15 of their members or a designee to serve on the task force.

16 D. Appointments to this task force shall be made within thirty
17 (30) days following enactment of this act.

18 E. The task force is authorized to meet at the call of the
19 cochairs, and its activities will terminate no later than January
20 31, 2011.

21 F. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed
22 for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of
23 their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the
24 Oklahoma Statutes. The Corporation Commissioner or designee may be

1 reimbursed by their agency for necessary travel expenses pursuant to
2 the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

3 G. Staffing for the task force shall be provided by the Senate
4 and House staff.

5 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

9 Passed the Senate the 15th day of February, 2010.

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12 Presiding Officer of the Senate

13 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
14 2010.

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18 of Representatives